



# **AGENDA**

## ***Regional Planning and Highways Committee Meeting***

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### **Committee Members**

Mark A. Murphy, Chairman  
Barbara Delgleize, Vice Chair  
Lisa A. Bartlett  
Doug Chaffee  
Patrick Harper  
Gene Hernandez  
Joe Muller  
Vicente Sarmiento

Orange County Transportation Authority  
Headquarters  
Conference Room 07  
550 South Main Street  
Orange, California  
**Monday, June 7, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.**

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**Guidance for Public Access to the Board of Directors/Committee Meeting  
(Continued)**

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In order to ensure that staff has the ability to provide comments to the Board Members in a timely manner, please submit your public comments **90 minutes prior to the start time of the Board and Committee meeting date.**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Harper

**1. Public Comments**

**Special Calendar**

There are no Special Calendar matters.

**Consent Calendar (Items 2 through 8)**

All items on the Consent Calendar are to be approved in one motion unless a Committee Member or a member of the public requests separate action or discussion on a specific item.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes of the Regional Planning and Highways Committee meeting of May 3, 2021.



**3. Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program Update**  
Lesley Hill/Kia Mortazavi

**Overview**

Measure M2 includes a program to deliver comprehensive mitigation for specific environmental impacts of 13 freeway projects in exchange for streamlined project approvals from the state and federal Resource Agencies. The Environmental Mitigation Program has acquired conservation properties and provided funding for habitat restoration projects as part of the Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan. A biannual status report of the Environmental Mitigation Program is presented.

**Recommendation**

Receive and file as an information item.

**4. Consultant Selection for the Freeway Chokepoint Improvement Study**  
Stephanie Chhan/Kia Mortazavi

**Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority is retaining a consultant to conduct an 18-month study to identify freeway chokepoints remaining in Orange County after the implementation of the Measure M2 Freeway Program and to develop improvement strategies. Board of Directors' approval for the selection of a firm to perform the required work is requested.

**Recommendations**

- A. Approve the selection of Kittelson and Associates, Inc., as the firm to provide consulting services to conduct the Freeway Chokepoint Improvement Study.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-1-3346 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Kittelson and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$297,337, to provide consulting services to conduct the Freeway Chokepoint Improvement Study.



**5. Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Semi-Annual Review - March 2021**  
Charvalen Alacar/Kia Mortazavi

**Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority recently completed the March 2021 semi-annual review of projects funded through the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs. This process reviews the status of Measure M2 grant-funded projects and provides an opportunity for local agencies to update project information and request project modifications. Recommended project adjustments and a proposed Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines exception are presented for review and approval.

**Recommendations**

- A. Approve requested adjustments to Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs projects, Local Fair Share, and Senior Mobility Program funds.
- B. Due to the impacts of the coronavirus, approve an exception to the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Programs Guidelines for Environmental Cleanup Program Tier I projects in order for project award delays to be granted.

**6. Measure M2 Eligibility Review Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2019-20 Expenditure Reports**  
Kelsey Imler/Kia Mortazavi

**Overview**

The Measure M2 Ordinance requires that all Orange County local jurisdictions annually satisfy eligibility requirements to receive Measure M2 net revenues. As part of this requirement, fiscal year 2019-20 expenditure reports and resolutions were submitted by the local jurisdictions. In April 2020, the Taxpayer Oversight Committee affirmed that all expenditure reports were received and reviewed consistent with Measure M2 requirements. Board of Directors' approval is requested to find all Orange County local jurisdictions eligible to continue receiving Measure M2 net revenues.

**Recommendation**

Approve all 35 Orange County local jurisdictions eligible to continue receiving Measure M2 net revenues.



**7. Programming Recommendations for Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and Mid-Cycle State Transportation Improvement Program**

Ben Ku/Kia Mortazavi

**Overview**

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021, signed into law on December 27, 2020, appropriated funding for transportation infrastructure and programs to mitigate revenue loss due to the coronavirus pandemic. Based on state guidelines, these funds will flow through the mid-cycle process for the State Transportation Improvement Program. Programming recommendations are presented for the Board of Directors' consideration and approval.

**Recommendations**

- A. Approve the 2021 mid-cycle State Transportation Improvement Program submittal to program Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 for the following:
  - \$800,000 for the State Route 74 Ortega Highway Improvement Project, and
  - \$588,506 for planning, programming, and monitoring.
- B. Authorize staff to make all necessary amendments to the State Transportation Improvement Program and the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, as well as execute any necessary agreements to facilitate the recommendations above.

**8. Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program Update**

Alicia Yang/Kia Mortazavi

**Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority has been working with local cities, the County of Orange, and the California Department of Transportation to fund and implement key regional traffic signal synchronization projects. This report provides an update on the Measure M2 Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program, including results from recently completed projects.

**Recommendation**

Receive and file as an information item.



## **Regular Calendar**

**9. Draft 2021 State Route 91 Implementation Plan**

Alison Army/Kia Mortazavi

### **Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority and the Riverside County Transportation Commission annually prepare a plan for potential improvements along the State Route 91 corridor between State Route 57 in Orange County and Interstate 15 in Riverside County. The plan includes a listing of proposed improvements, preliminary cost estimates, and potential implementation timeframes. These improvements are sponsored by various agencies, such as the Orange County Transportation Authority, the Riverside County Transportation Commission, the Transportation Corridor Agencies, the California Department of Transportation, and cities along the corridor. The Draft 2021 State Route 91 Implementation Plan is provided for information purposes.

### **Recommendation**

Receive and file as an information item.

**10. Active Transportation Program Biannual Update**

Peter Sotherland/Kia Mortazavi

### **Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority coordinates regional active transportation efforts in Orange County. An update on recent and upcoming activities is provided for review.

### **Recommendation**

Receive and file as an information item.



**11. Transportation Control Measures - Substitute Program of Projects**  
Anup Kulkarni/Kia Mortazavi

**Overview**

The Orange County Transportation Authority, the Transportation Corridor Agencies, and the County of Orange have made project delivery commitments to specific projects that fulfill short-term air quality conformity requirements. Based on air quality regulations, these previously planned projects, known as transportation control measures, must be implemented by December 2022 and December 2023. If not, substitute projects with an equivalent air quality benefit must be delivered in a similar timeframe. Due to project delays, a substitute program of projects is recommended to move forward for implementation. Recommendations are presented to initiate the substitution process with the Southern California Association of Governments, and authorization to negotiate and execute a cooperative agreement with the Transportation Corridor Agencies for toll road improvements within the existing toll facility rights-of-way.

**Recommendations**

- A. Direct staff to work with the Southern California Association of Governments to replace the previously planned projects in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program with the substitute program of projects included in this report.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, to negotiate and execute a cooperative agreement with the Transportation Corridor Agencies for improvements on existing toll facilities.

**Discussion Items**

**12. Update on Interstate 5 Improvement Project from San Diego County Line to Avenida Pico**  
Josue Vaglienty/James G. Beil

Staff will provide a project update.

**13. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Workshop Follow-up**  
Victor Velasquez/Andrew Oftelie

Budget staff is available for follow-up questions, issues, or concerns that may have arisen at and/or since the budget workshop conducted with the Board of Directors on May 10, 2021.



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**14. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

**15. Committee Members' Reports**

**16. Closed Session**

There are no Closed Session items scheduled.

**17. Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Committee will be held at **10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 1, 2021**, at the Orange County Transportation Authority Headquarters, Conference Room 07, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.